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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 CFR §1.56**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 is a listing of documents known to Applicants in order to comply with Applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56. A copy of each listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98.

The submission of any document herewith, which is not a statutory bar, is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application or that such document is considered material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56(b). Applicants do not waive any rights to take any action which would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove as a competent reference any document which is determined to be a *prima facie* art reference against the claims of the present application.

**TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE**

The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(b), within three (3) months of the filing date of the application.

**RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT**

Documents A1, A2, A5 and A7 were cited in the International Search Report in Applicants' International Application PCT/GB00/00861. A copy of the International Search Report setting forth the portion of each reference considered relevant by the examiner is attached.

Document A6 was cited as being relevant during the prosecution of the corresponding United Kingdom application. A copy of the International Search Report is attached setting forth the portion of each document considered relevant by the examiner.

An English translation of the foreign-language document has not been provided. The absence of a translation does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider any submitted document (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP§609).

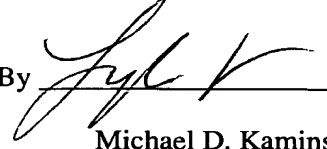
Applicants respectfully request that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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